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**Sent:** 1/16/2020 8:25:19 PM  
**To:** Martinson, Mathew [martinson.mathew@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Salem Statesman | EPA petition asks for emergency action on tainted drinking water in Eastern Oregon

Right, but they do have regulatory reach to some of the dischargers that may be contributing to the perceived problem....

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2020 12:16 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Salem Statesman | EPA petition asks for emergency action on tainted drinking water in Eastern Oregon

Interestingly Oregon DEQ doesn't regulate the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Oregon Health Authority does.

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FYI & see email from ODEQ below.

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**Subject:** Media inquiry: EPA petition asks for emergency action on tainted drinking water in Eastern Oregon

Hi EPA friends. See below on inquiry about petition that went to y'all today (yesterday?) We're huddling internally about this request for comment, and will send you whatever we end up providing. Let me know if you'd like to discuss.

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**Subject:** EPA petition

Hi Jennifer,

I'm writing about the EPA petition filed today regarding nitrate levels in drinking water in the Boardman area. The petition criticizes the state for failing to take more stringent action. Would someone at DEQ be able to comment about that?

We have a developing story online, and likely will run it in print on Sunday.

<https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2020/01/16/enviromental-protection-agency-oregon-contaminated-water/4470231002/>

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